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U.S. Ambassador learns about new agricultural technologies funded by the MCA-Armenia

The U.S. Ambassador Marie L. Yovanovitch, Tavush Marzpet Armen Khularyan, and Director of Republican Agricultural Support Center Mkrtych Muradyan, joined representatives of MCA-Armenia Program, Millennium Challenge Corporation, the US Department of Agriculture, the ACDI/VOCA firm and dozens of local farmers for an informative tour of some of the new agricultural technologies being demonstrated at the Tavush Agricultural Support Center experimental field in Aygehovit, Tavush marz.

The MCA-Armenia Program is helping to reduce rural poverty in Armenia through investments that improve the economic performance of the agricultural sector. The Agriculture project of the Program continues to be implemented and is being used to improve the water supply infrastructure and provide technical and financial assistance to over 45,000 farmers in rural Armenia.

To date, over 28,000 farmers in about 300 communities in Armenia have received training in water management technologies and higher value agriculture, including over 2,500 farmers in Tavush marz.

Visits by farmers to demonstration sites are a critical part of this training. At the sites, technical equipment funded by the MCA-Armenia Program is explained to the farmers. The demonstration site in Aygehovit is a good example of the cooperation between the Ministry of Agriculture, Tavush Agricultural Support Center, the MCA-Armenia Program and other donors. MCA-Armenia funded the installation of the supply line for the drip irrigation system and supplied new imported high yield varieties of fruit trees and berries that farmers can adopt to increase their profitability. There are 20 such demonstration sites in Tavush marz.

For more information regarding this event and the MCA-Armenia program, please visit:

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